

**Health, Human Services & Human Rights Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** December 4, 2025 – 5:00 PM  
**LOCATION(S):** Legislative Chambers, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building, Kingston  
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Uchitelle  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Tyron Rogers, Technical Support Specialist  
Michael Tierney, Legislative Support Specialist  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Legislators Collins, Harmon, McCollough  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Legislators Corcoran, Kitchen, Lopez  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Deputy County Executive James Amenta, Office For the Aging Director Susan Koppenhaver, DSS Commissioner Mike Iapoce, DSS Deputy Commissioner Rita Wood, Department of Mental Health Deputy Commissioner Katrina Williams, Department of Health Deputy Director Tom Gibney

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Chair Uchitelle called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

**Motion No. 1:** **Motion to Approve the minutes of the November 6, 2025 Meeting**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator McCollough  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Harmon  
  
**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Collins, Harmon, McCollough, Uchitelle  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Minutes Approved**

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**Resolutions for the December 16, 2025 Session of the Legislature:**

**Resolution No. 582** - Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Planning And Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends the 2025 Operating Budget to increase the Planning Department's Other Professional Services account and decrease the Department of Social Service's Temporary Assistance Division's Misc. Contractual Other account in the amount of \$90,000.00 for the County's food insecurity program.

**Motion No. 2** **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 582**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator McCollough  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Collins  
  
**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Collins, Harmon, McCollough, Uchitelle  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0

<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Resolution Adopted</b>
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**Resolution No. 606** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$30,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Jewish Family Services Of Ulster County Inc. – Office For The Aging

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$30,000 with Jewish Family Services of Ulster County to increase the hourly rate for Enhanced Case Management Services and extend the term of agreement to December 31, 2026.

<b>Motion No. 3</b>	<b>Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 606</b>
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Harmon
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Collins

<b>Voting in Favor:</b>	Legislators Collins, Harmon, McCollough, Uchitelle
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	4
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Resolution Adopted</b>

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**Resolution No. 607** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,111,339.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Research, Inc. – Department Of Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract in the amount of \$1,111,399 with Health Research, Inc. to accept state funds for the Emergency Preparedness Program for a term commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

<b>Motion No. 4</b>	<b>Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 607</b>
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator McCollough
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Harmon

<b>Voting in Favor:</b>	Legislators Collins, Harmon, McCollough, Uchitelle
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	4
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Resolution Adopted</b>

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**Resolution No. 608** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – The Lamar Companies – Department Of Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a rated contract with The Lamar Companies for printing, installation and maintenance of billboard signage for various public health campaigns for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

<b>Motion No. 5</b>	<b>Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 608</b>
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Collins
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator McCollough

<b>Voting in Favor:</b>	Legislators Collins, Harmon, McCollough, Uchitelle
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<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	4
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Resolution Adopted</b>

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**Resolution No. 609** - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement With The New Paltz Central School District For Preschool Special Education Transportation Services – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an inter-municipal agreement, and any amendments thereto, with New Paltz Central School District, in an amount not to exceed \$53,000.00 for Preschool Special Education Transportation Services, for the period beginning December 4, 2025 through June 26, 2026.

<b>Motion No. 6</b>	<b>Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 609</b>
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator McCollough
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Harmon

<b>Voting in Favor:</b>	Legislators Collins, Harmon, McCollough, Uchitelle
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	4
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Resolution Adopted</b>

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**Resolution No. 610** - Amending The 2026 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services To Implement Services Under The Raise The Age (RTA) Plan For SFY 2026 – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends the 2026 Operating Budget upon notification from the New York State Division of Budget of the approval of the Raise the Age Implementation Planning Instrument as submitted by the County's Department of Social Services, Coordinated Children's Services division to the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) for State Fiscal Year 2026.

<b>Motion No. 7</b>	<b>Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 610</b>
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Harmon
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator McCollough

<b>Voting in Favor:</b>	Legislators Collins, Harmon, McCollough, Uchitelle
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	4
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Resolution Adopted</b>

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**Resolution No. 611** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$90,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Nicholas Kamen – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract in the amount of \$90,000 with Nicholas Kamen for behavioral health clinical services consisting of mental health screenings and treatment

services for DSS in conjunction with CPS and Preventative units for a term commencing December 1, 2025 and ending November 30, 2026.

<b>Motion No. 8</b>	<b>Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 611</b>
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Collins
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator McCollough
<b>Voting in Favor:</b>	Legislators Collins, Harmon, McCollough, Uchitelle
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	4
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Resolution Adopted</b>

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**Resolution No. 612** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$625,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Rondout Legal Services, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract in the amount of \$625,000 with Rondout Legal Services, Inc. for legal process and subpoena services for its Legal and Child Support Enforcement Units for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2028.

<b>Motion No. 9</b>	<b>Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 612</b>
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Collins
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator McCollough
<b>Voting in Favor:</b>	Legislators Collins, Harmon, McCollough, Uchitelle
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	4
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Resolution Adopted</b>

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**Resolution No. 613** - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Office Of Addiction Services And Supports – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends the 2025 Operating Budget to increase the Department of Mental Health's budget in the amount of \$76,800.00 upon notification from the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS ) for increased funding to support roof repairs at Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc.

<b>Motion No. 10</b>	<b>Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 613</b>
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator McCollough
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Harmon
<b>Voting in Favor:</b>	Legislators Collins, Harmon, McCollough, Uchitelle
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	4
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Resolution Adopted</b>

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**Resolution No. 614** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$951,376.00 Entered Into By The County – Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract in the amount of \$951,376 with Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. for Community Residential Services and Supported Housing Community services for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

**Resolution No. 615** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$12,590.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Mental Health Association In Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$12,590 with MHA in Ulster County to account for increased state support in the 2025 service contract.

**Resolution No. 616** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,772,305.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. D/B/A Gateway Hudson Valley – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract in the amount of \$2,772,305 with Gateway Hudson Valley to accept NYSOMH funding for mental health services for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

**Resolution No. 617** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$699,746.00 Entered Into By The County – Astor Services For Children & Families – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract in the amount of \$699,746 with Astor Services For Children & Families to accept NYSOMH funding for mental health services for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

**Resolution No. 618** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,244,235.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract in the amount of \$1,244,235 with Family of Woodstock to accept NYSOMH and OASAS funding for mental health services for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

**Resolution No. 619** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$410,857.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract in the amount of \$410,857 with Family Services, Inc. to accept OASAS funding for the administration of the Ulster Prevention Council and Primary Prevention Program for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

**Resolution No. 620** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – HealthAlliance Hospital Mary's Avenue Campus – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract in the amount of \$100,000 with HealthAlliance Hospital Mary's Avenue Campus for the operation of methadone treatment services for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

**Resolution No. 621** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$54,867.00 Entered Into By The County – The Institute For Family Health – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract in the amount of \$54,867 with Institute for Family Health to accept NYSOMH funding for Non-Medicaid Managed Care for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

**Resolution No. 622** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,713,856.00 Entered Into By The County – Mental Health Association In Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract in the amount of \$2,713,856 with MHA in Ulster County to accept NYSOMH funding for mental health services for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

**Resolution No. 623** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$449,671.00 Entered Into By The County – PEOPLE: Projects to Empower and Organize the Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract in the amount of \$449,671 with PEOPLE to accept NYSOMH funding for mental health services for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

**Motion No. 11**                      **Moved to Block Resolution Nos. 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623**

**Motion Made By:**              Legislator Harmon

**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator McCollough

**Voting in Favor:**              Legislators Collins, Harmon, McCollough, Uchitelle

**Voting Against:**                None

**Votes in Favor:**                4

**Votes Against:**                0

**Disposition:**                  **Resolutions Blocked**

**Motion No. 12**                      **Moved to Adopt Blocked Resolutions**

**Motion Made By:**              Legislator McCollough

**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Harmon

**Voting in Favor:**              Legislators Collins, Harmon, McCollough, Uchitelle

**Voting Against:**                None

**Votes in Favor:**                4

**Votes Against:**                0

**Disposition:**                  **Resolution Nos. 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623 Adopted**

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**New Business:**

None.

**Old Business:**

None.

**Adjournment**

<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Harmon
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator McCollough
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	4
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0

**TIME:** 5:22 PM

**Respectfully Submitted:** Michael Tierney, Legislative Support Specialist  
**Approved:** February 5, 2026

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